

Remarks

The preceding amendments and following remarks are submitted in response to the final Office action mailed June 9, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed on September 1, 2005. With this Amendment, claims 35, 43, and 52 have been cancelled. Claims 32, 39, and 47 remain pending. Reconsideration, examination and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 29-31, 33-38, 40-46, and 48-52 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by *Ostrovsky et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,447,530).

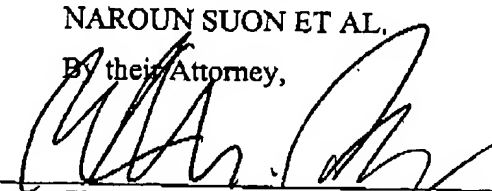
Without conceding the correctness of the rejection, and in order to move prosecution along in this case, Applicants have cancelled claims 33-38, 40-46, and 48-52, obviating the Examiner's rejection of these claims. Furthermore, claims 32, 39, and 47 objected to by the Examiner have been rewritten into independent form, which, according to the Examiner in paragraph 7 of the June 9, 2005 Office Action, places these claims in condition for allowance. Based on these amendments, Applicants assert that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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